

# LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION GUIDE

## CLASS 1 - LIGHT-DUTY

(6,000 lbs. or less GVWR - 4 tires)\*



## CLASS 2 - LIGHT-DUTY

(6,001 - 10,000 lbs. GVWR - 4 tires)\*



Class 1 through 2 include passenger cars, light trucks and mini vans, full size pickups, sport utility vehicles, full size vans

## CLASS 1 AND 2 - LIGHT-DUTY TOW

Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (6,000 to 10,000 lbs.)

Passenger cars, small SUVs and pickup trucks

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Year, make and model?    | <input type="checkbox"/> 4x4 or AWD?       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Number of occupants?     | <input type="checkbox"/> Keys?             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full-size pickup or van? | <input type="checkbox"/> Trailer?          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Is it loaded?            | <input type="checkbox"/> What is the load? |

**VEHICLES IN THESE CLASSES USUALLY HAVE FOUR TIRES.**

## CLASS 3 - LIGHT- OR MEDIUM-DUTY

(10,001 - 14,000 lbs. GVWR - 6 tires or more)\*



## CLASS 4 - MEDIUM-DUTY

(14,001 - 16,000 lbs. GVWR - 6 tires or more)\*



## CLASS 5 - MEDIUM-DUTY

(16,001 - 19,500 lbs. GVWR - 6 tires or more)\*



## CLASS 6 - MEDIUM-DUTY

(19,501 - 26,000 lbs. GVWR - 6 tires or more)\*



Class 3 through 6 include a range of mid-sized to larger vehicles including delivery trucks, utility vehicles, motor homes, package parcel trucks, ambulances, small dump trucks, landscape vehicles, small flatbed and stake-type trucks, refrigerated and box trucks, small and medium-duty buses (school and local transit buses.)

## CLASS 3, 4, 5 & 6 - LIGHT- OR MEDIUM-DUTY TOW

Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (10,001 up to 26,000 lbs.)

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|--|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Year, make and model?   |                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Body type – pickup truck, box truck, flatbed, step van              |                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> What is the load and is it damaged?                                 |                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pickup, van, shuttle bus or motor home?                             |                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Number of occupants?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Keys? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle description is critical to determine the proper tow vehicle |                                |

**VEHICLES IN THESE CLASSES USUALLY HAVE SIX TIRES.**

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## CLASS 7 - HEAVY-DUTY

(26,001 - 33,000 lbs. GVWR - 6 tires or more)\*



## CLASS 8 - HEAVY-DUTY

(33,001 lbs. and over GVWR - 10 tires or more)\*



Class 7 and 8 include a range of heavier vehicles including large delivery trucks, motor coaches, all tractor-trailer combinations, refuse trucks, construction vehicles, etc.

## CLASS 7 AND 8 - HEAVY-DUTY TOW

Gross Vehicle Weight Rating

(Class 7 - 26,001 to 33,000 lbs.)

(Class 8 - 33,001 and up to state limit)

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Year, make and model? | <input type="checkbox"/> Two or three axle truck or tractor-trailer? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bus or motor home?    | <input type="checkbox"/> What is the load and is it damaged?         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Number of occupants?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Keys?                                       |

**STRAIGHT TRUCKS, BUSES OR MOTOR HOMES IN THESE CLASSES  
WILL USUALLY HAVE SIX TO TEN TIRES. TRACTOR AND TRAILER  
COMBINATIONS WILL HAVE FOURTEEN OR MORE TIRES.**

## MOTORCYCLES - LIGHT-DUTY TOW

Sports motorcycle - off road/basic street type

Performance motorcycle - "racing" model type

Touring motorcycle - large, heavy road touring type

Custom or 3-wheel motorcycle



## TRAILERS - LIGHT-, MEDIUM- OR HEAVY-DUTY TOW

- ☐ Is it a truck and trailer to tow or just a trailer to tow?
- ☐ Number of axles and what is it hauling or is it designed to haul?
- ☐ Type of load or weight of load?
- ☐ If a tow, does the trailer have a ball, pintle or a fifth wheel hitch?



## MOTOR HOMES - LIGHT-, MEDIUM- OR HEAVY-DUTY TOW

**Class C** - usually built on a van or pickup type truck chassis

**Class A** - usually built on a medium to large truck or bus chassis



### LOCATION:

All locations are considered to be on the right hand shoulder unless advised the incident is in a lane of travel, in the center divider or off the road.

Locations should always be given so the tow truck can access the scene safely.

Freeway locations should always be given going in one direction, such as southbound south of a specific landmark or intersection.

### REASON FOR THE TOW:

Service call, storage, wreck or recovery

**Service call:** Specify the reason, fuel, tire, etc.

**Tow:** Specify the reason

**Storage:** Arrest or impound tow

- ☐ Is the vehicle stripped, burned, flat tires or no wheels?

**Wreck:** Condition of the vehicle

- ☐ Is the vehicle/truck overturned?
- ☐ Are lanes blocked?
- ☐ Is the vehicle off the road? ☐ How far?
- ☐ Any special problems at the scene or special equipment needed?



\* **Note:** The Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of the vehicle to be towed or recovered can be found on the identification label on the vehicle's driver's side doorframe. The number of pounds listed on the label can then be compared with the DOT Classification Vehicle Type Chart for the correct DOT class.